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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, CODIB

SUBJECT: Comments on the Task Team ~~S~~ Report

1. The recommendations of the Task Team involving specific organizational changes or assignments of responsibility are outside their assigned charter. In particular, it was my assumption that Team members were chosen because of their competence in technical matters involving photo chips and related technology. As such, they would not necessarily be those selected to study and discuss gross community organizational problems. The recommendations on organizational topics therefore dilute the confidence I should like to place on the technical recommendations of the Team.

2. I do not believe the technical recommendations of the Team are backed adequately either by substantive content or references or even inferral. Let me give you some examples where you must recognize that the examples are neither a complete set nor the most important set.

- (a) Why should the IOIC be exempted from the photo chip standardization program?
- (b) Why should there be so much permissiveness in letting NPIC continue analysis of the 4" X 6" exploitation chip with the simple statement that the exploitation chip does not lend itself to standardization as does the data base chip?
- (c) What effect does quality control have on standardization of chip size? The Team report said that quality control was not addressed. It is my opinion that chip size and film quality are related.
- (d) There are many ramifications of standardization of chip size on chip handling equipments and techniques. Should not the ramifications, at least with respect to types of equipment, costs, etc. be included in the general discussion supporting the recommendation?

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- (e) What alternatives to the 70 X 100 MM chip were considered and what was the technical reasons for preference of the selected size?

3. The Team recommendations on organizational structures and responsibilities should not be ignored. The general tenor of the discussions supporting the recommendations if not formally valid at least appear to my office to be substantially correct as based on extensive experience. If they are not to be ignored, they should be referred for review to a proper group or staff within the Intelligence Community. The fact that my office cannot identify the proper group for referral implies the correctness of a number of the Team's recommendations.

4. I suggest that:

- (a) The entire report be transmitted to a group identified by CODIB for discussion and review of the organizational recommendations.
- (b) The Task Team Chairman brief CODIB on some of the technical back-up for the recommendations relating to photo chips (i.e., not the organizational recommendations).

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